

MADISON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

To: Commissioners
From: Charity Fechter, Planning Director
Date: January 30, 2014
Subject: Planning Board Summary – January 27, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by President Meehan, with 10 members in attendance. Also present were Faith Moldan (Madisonian), Jerry Linn (Driftwaters), and Joyce Crouse (Sanitarian's office).

- **New Board Members** – Pat Bradley was welcomed as the Twin Bridges representative. The Board voted unanimously to accept the appointment of Darlene Tussing; she was also welcomed warmly. There was a brief discussion on the difference between “accepting” and “welcoming” appointments.
- **Driftwaters Resort Planned Unit Development** – This is a refinement of an earlier pre-application that had expired. It reworks the Driftwaters Resort by defining 4 residential envelopes and 4 commercial envelopes on Lot 5-B1, South Madison Fire Hall Minor Subdivision. A new access to US 287 is proposed, that would replace one used by the property owner to the west. There were questions about the septic system, open space, types of anticipated commercial uses, maintenance of the permanent RV lots, and the property owners association. A site visit is planned.
- **Planning Office Report** – There is continued interest in the completing the Development Coordinator position description.
- **Airport Affected Area Regulations** – A copy of the AAA regs showing only the preferred language (from the last review) was included in the packet. The Board felt this version was cleaner, but obviously relies on some more technical background than they have. After discussion, they felt it would be appropriate to remove Twin Bridges from the AAA, and the need for AAA permits. Should Twin Bridges adopt zoning, they should consider these regulations. MOTION: To recommend removing Twin Bridges from the County Airport Affected Area Regulations and forward to the County Airport Board. Passed unanimously.
- **Subdivision Regulations** – A “clean” copy of the regulations with the changes made to date was included in the packets. A revised committee list was handed out. All committees are to have their corrections/changes in to the Planning Office by February 12. All Board members were asked to fill out the exemption request form to see if there were any difficulties with it.
- **Nominations/Election** – Richard Meehan was nominated as President and Kate Arpin for Vice President. There were no other nominations, so each was elected unanimously.
- **2014 Planning Board meeting Schedule** – The draft schedule was approved with one change. The May meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday.
- **Budget Committee** – Pat Bradley and Darlene Tussing volunteered to be on the Board. Dave Maddison will be asked if he wishes to assist again this year.
- **Planning Board Member Reports**
 - Kathy Looney –
 - Asked if Lane had been replaced at the Madison Valley Ranchlands Group.
 - Mentioned a previous discussion about meeting with the Park County Planning Board.
 - Laurie Schmidt – welcomed the new members.
 - John Lounsbury – passed around a copy of the Park County Atlas done by Future West and suggested showing it to the Commissioners.
 - John Fountain – is on Jack Creek Road committee working on a plan for emergency evacuations. He's trying to keep it focused on “what would you do” now, concentrating on a plan that makes sense in terms of distances, terrain, communication ability and existing infrastructure. Once the plan is complete, then consider improvements to address the shortcomings.
 - Darlene Tussing – Belongs to Bike, Walk Montana, a group that advocates safe opportunities for biking and walking. She was at a meeting in Ennis and was surprised at the reluctance to put in sidewalks, given their economic benefits.
 - Pat Bradley
 - The information provided to new members is outstanding and helpful.
 - Hoping to get bids for the Virginia City library soon, with groundbreaking this spring.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.